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#### TAKEO TAKAMICHI,

Manager.  
Hongkong, 31st October, 1907. [23]

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#### W. M. ANDERSON,

Manager.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908. [25]

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#### J. L. VAN HOUTEN,

Agent.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. [16]

## Banks.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$15,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS ..... \$13,500,000

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#### J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1908. [24]

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#### J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

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For 3 months, 2% " "

#### JOHN ARMSTRONG,

Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1908. [29]

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#### A. KOHN,

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [30]

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1908. [7]

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. [140]

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINCESS ALICE" Capt. G. Roit	About WEDNESDAY, 11th March.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"MANILA" Capt. J. Meussen	THURSDAY, 5 P.M., 12th March.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. Sambill	End of March.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. W. von Seeden	About FRIDAY, 3rd April.

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1908.

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1908.

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

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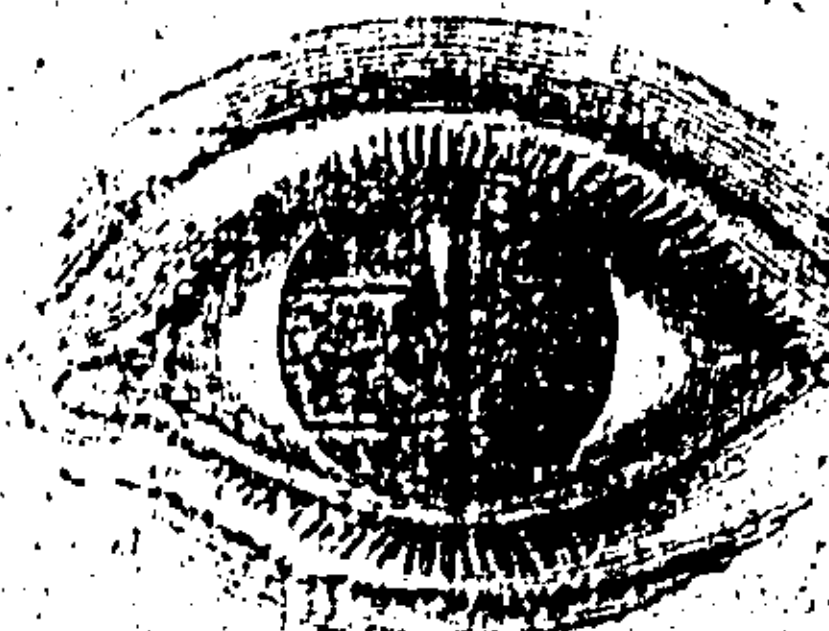
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1908.

## MARRIAGE TIPS.

## AMUSING STORY OF AN IRISH COURTSHIP.

The amusing matrimonial story of an Irish-American named Patrick McMenamin, now residing at Ballymore, was related at the Fermanagh Quarter Sessions last month. McMenamin, who, it is said, has already had 11 wives, was sued by Charles Maguire, farmer, of Derrygonnelly, to recover £5 for services rendered in obtaining defendant a wife and making all the necessary arrangements for the wedding.

Plaintiff said he made the match. He introduced defendant to the girl, and then travelled into Benishkillen and called to see a clergyman, the Rev. Robert McGilhe, in order to get a license.

Mr. Cooper, solicitor for plaintiff, read the following letter:

Mr. Maguire, you promised to come to the fair at Belleek. How is it you did not come? Am writing to you to let you know I am going up to the fair of Derrygonnelly on the 24th, and I want you to make arrangements with that girl and her people for me. I hope she is a Protestant. I will give you £5, as I promised, and pay all your expenses.

To Charles Maguire, cattle-dealer, from Patrick James McMenamin.

BETTER MEMORIES.

Plaintiff said that the wedding was first arranged to take place in Benmore Church, but defendant objected, as he had been married in that church about ten months before. (Laughter.)

His Honour: Ten months before?

Plaintiff: Well, it was not a year any way, but his other wife died. The wedding subsequently took place in the garrison parish church, and was performed by the Rev. Mr. O'Keefe.

His Honour: Well, I suppose you got a part of the wedding feast? (Laughter.)

Plaintiff: There was no feasting about it (loud laughter.)

Mr. Cooper: I believe that owing to conscientious scruples you didn't go into the church during the ceremony, but as soon as the wedding party came out to the door you went up and asked for your money—That is right.

His Honour: I must say that you did not give them long credit. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cooper (solicitor for the defendant): Now, sir, did you not take this man in? Did you not get him a lady "with a past"?

His Honour: Have you put in a counter-claim for breach of warranty? (Much laughter.)

Mr. Cooper: McMenamin had some difficulty in getting a wife. I believe he had a lot of wives before this one?—Well, they say he had eleven wives. (Loud laughter.)

His Honour: A regular Bluebeard.

Defendant, who spoke with an American accent, admitted that he had been married before.

TURN COME ROUND AGAIN.

"It was Charles Maguire came up to me in the market," said defendant, "and introduced himself. He said: 'It is time you were getting married again.' (Laughter.) He said to me that he could get me the best girl in Ireland for a wife, and I said that perhaps a middling one would do. (Laughter.)

"I only courted her for about three hours, but I got another young fellow called Pat Murphy to court her for me for the other seven days." (Laughter.)

Defendant, proceeding, said he had already given plaintiff 28s.

His Honour granted plaintiff a decree for 10s, stating that he gave nothing for the getting of the wife, but only for the little errands and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the plaintiff for the defendant.

## ALGERIAN REGIMENT LOST IN THE DESERT.

CUT OFF BY SNOWSTORM IN A NIGHT MARCH.

TWENTY-EIGHT BODIES FOUND; MANY STILL MISSING.

Ain Sefra, February 4.

Details have been received of a serious disaster to the Second Regiment of the Foreign Legion.

The 20th Company, under Capt. Capillieri, was marching from Equeurt to Fort Hassa, which it had been ordered to garrison, and it left on 1 Feb. for its new post. The weather was cloudy, and an icy wind was blowing from the north. The troops reached their halting-place for the night in perfect condition, and camp was pitched, affording them ample shelter.

TENTS BLOWN DOWN.

Shortly afterwards the gale increased in fury, accompanied by violent snow squalls, and soon a perfect hurricane was raging. The tents were blown down, and all efforts to put them up again proved unavailing.

It being impossible to remain on the ground Capt. Capillieri decided to make a dash for Fort Hassa through the blinding snowstorm. Darkness came on while the column was on the march, and the troops, who were without an experienced guide, lost their direction.

Something like a panic ensued, and though the officers worked hard to keep the column together they could not prevent the ranks from being broken. The men rushed distractedly into the desert, seeking in vain for native huts in which they might find shelter.

BODIES IN THE SNOW.

Fifty men, with the captain, succeeded in reaching a native dur, and a number of stragglers were found the next day in various other native encampments. A search was immediately organized for the remainder of the column, and 28 bodies, including two sergeants and three corporals, were discovered in the snow.

The others are still missing, and it is feared that they also have perished.

Nothing has been heard of the provision convoy, which was escorted by a sergeant, two corporals, and 12 men.—Reuter.

## Public Companies.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underigned at 12.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 10th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th inst. to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd.

General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. [233]

## THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, to SATURDAY, the 21st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1908. [290]

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 25th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to 25th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. [294]

## LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE TWENTYSIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 25th March, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to 25th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. [295]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## NOTICE.

MR. ALEXANDER MUELLER, having left China on the 26th ulto, Ceased to Sign our Firm per Procuration on that date. We have this day authorized Mr. HEINRICH LUDWIG MUELLER of Hongkong and Mr. LUDWIG FRIEDRICH RUDOLF LEISSING of Canton to Sign per Firm's name per Procuration.

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong &amp; Canton, 1st March, 1908. [277]

## NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. EDWARD NISSIM to Sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

E. D. SASSOON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. [292]

## COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## I HAVE this day resumed charge of the HONGKONG BRANCH of the above Company.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS, Branch Manager &amp; Underwriter.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. [293]

## INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR and EXPRESS TRAINS CO.

## (THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, &amp;c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [247]

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Hongkong, 19th October, 1907. [11]







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Hongkong, 15th February, 1908.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1908.

## SIR ARTHUR MOORE'S VISIT TO CANTON.

The Admiral left early this morning on his despatch vessel—the *Albatross*—on a visit to Canton. What the immediate purport of the visit, it is, of course, not stated; but our Canton correspondent, in his communication received this morning, states that H.E. the Viceroy was to receive Sir Arthur Moore in company with the British Consul-General some time to-day. It is not improbable that the Commander-in-Chief may ascertain the satisfactory or otherwise of the Chinese engagements in connection with their undertaking for the patrol of the West River. It is hardly likely that the British Admiral's visit can have any bearing on the question of the arrest of the *Tatsu Maru* last month, which has since been the subject of negotiations between the three Governments concerned, viz., the Governments of China, Japan and Portugal.

## BRITISH POST OFFICE AT TIENTSIN.

During last year voluminous correspondence passed between the Postal Authorities at Hongkong, the Colonial Government and the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and the British community at Tientsin on the subject of the British Post Office at the Northern port. Reference was made to the subject by the chairman at the annual meeting of the Tientsin Chamber of

Commerce on the 24th ult. Alluding to the subject the Chairman said:—After considerable correspondence and much cabling, the Hongkong Government agreed to keep the Post Office open until 30th September, 1908, on the British Municipal Council guaranteeing the estimated deficit of \$7,500. This, he need hardly say, was an unsatisfactory position, and the British Municipal Council were not likely to continue their subsidy for another term. The Committee of the Chamber have been in communication with the Manchester Chamber, who have represented the matter to the London Chamber and trusted they would be successful in preventing the closing next September. It did not appear that the Hongkong Government was likely to give way on the matter, owing to the expenditure that would be laid on the revenues of Hongkong, and he could only hope that a subsidy would be granted them by the home Government to enable the local Post Office to be kept open. He might perhaps be allowed to say that the rule of the Hongkong Postmaster not to permit current accounts, as was done in other local post offices, appeared to be a factor in reducing the receipts. If such facilities were granted they would probably find the office more largely patronised than at present. Before leaving the subject, he would like to express the thanks of the Chamber to the Governor of Hongkong for his courtesy and for the assistance he had rendered them, and also to the local representatives of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., for all they had done on that behalf. There seemed to be a belief in some quarters that because the B.M.C. had given a guarantee, it was their business to do what they could to get the matter arranged without a further grant from Tientsin. He would say that the guarantee was given by the B.M.C. on the distinct understanding that the Chamber should deal energetically with the matter, and they would doubtless instruct their incoming committee to continue negotiations with that in view.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by 2nd Lieutenant F. O. Reynolds of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

ONE hundred and thirty-three candidates (seven of whom are girls) have paid entrance fees for the Oxford Local Examination to be held next July. Last year there were 104.

DR. W. W. PEARCE, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, will act as Medical Officer of Health and Superintendent of Statistics, during the absence on leave of Dr. F. W. Clark, with effect from the 9th instant.

AGENTS, managers, secretaries, and other officers of companies carrying on life insurance business within this Colony are requested to communicate with the Registrar of Companies without delay, with a view to compliance with the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907.

A REGULATION of the Governor-in-Council renders necessary that all arms or ammunition kept or stored in the Colony or being moved therein by any importer or dealer in or vendor of arms or ammunition, if in boxes or closed packages, must have the number or quantity contained therein clearly marked on the outside of each box or package in English.

IN view of the rumours to the effect that large quantities of copper coins are being smuggled into the country from abroad, the Central Government has instructed the Tao-tai of Customs along the coast to exercise strict supervision over all the steamers coming from foreign countries. The various viceroys and governors have also been requested to prohibit the underhand striking of coins for circulation.

THERE is a tragic interest attaching to the following message appearing in recent American papers:—  
Lisbon, Feb. 1.—The Minister of Justice left here yesterday for Villa Vicosa to get the signature of King Carlos to a decree authorising the adoption of severe measures of repression. Such steps are considered necessary by the Cabinet for the preservation of public order.

THE small-pox epidemic at Kobe has been mastered by the energetic measures taken by the Japanese authorities, but outbreaks in Tokyo are now causing trouble. On February 21 there appeared twenty-seven new cases of small-pox in that city. The number of patients then totalled 633, of whom 143 have died. It is satisfactory to note that strenuous efforts have controlled the epidemic. Those vaccinated at this city expense in various wards reached 2,826. The authorities were going to vaccinate 300,000 more within five days.

RETURNS of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 29th February, 1908, as certified by the managers of the respective banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.	\$4,021,672	\$3,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.	16,391,369	11,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited.	344,641	150,000
Total.	\$10,757,682	\$14,150,000

At a meeting of shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, held on the 28th January 1908, the following were elected Lay Members of the Church Body, for the year 1908:—The Honourable Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Messrs. W. Armstrong, River (honorary secretary), H. R. B. Maccock (honorary treasurer), E. Ormiston, and H. W. Slade. Mr. J. C. Peter was elected auditor.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the names of the following companies have been struck off the register:—The Canton and Hongkong Lighter and Ferry Company, Limited; the Tak On Insurance Exchange and Loan Company, Limited; the Oriental Construction Company, Limited; the Woosung Forts Launch Company, Limited; and the Chindah Steam Navigation Company, Limited.

By kind permission of Major Evans and Officers of the 13th Rajputs, the Band of the Regiment will play the following programme of music in the Gardens of the Kowloon Hotel, to-morrow (Sunday), the 8th inst., from 5 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting):—

- 1.—Two Step . . . . . Petite Tonquinolles.
- 2.—Waltz . . . . . Laide Voles.
- 3.—Selection . . . . . The Gaiety.
- 4.—Cape Waltz . . . . . Mumble Bumble.
- 5.—Piccolo Solo . . . . . Gout de Feu.
- 6.—Waltz . . . . . Luna With Bell Obligation.
- 7.—Selection . . . . . Mikado.
- 8.—Characteristics . . . . . The Whistlers and High Dogs.
- 9.—Waltz . . . . . Merry Widow.

C. T. Coe, Bandmaster.

13th Rajputs.

THE Blue Funnel liner *Bellerophon* from China arrived in Vancouver harbour at midnight about the beginning of last month with a skeleton crew, having been on the way from Victoria since two o'clock in the afternoon. One of the small-pox victims, taken off the *Bellerophon*, died in the quarantine hospital at William Head. He was quartermaster and from the first outbreak of the disease was the worst case of the five affected. The remaining four are progressing rapidly and will be well enough to be released when the crew expires. The *Bellerophon* was allowed to bring just enough officers and crew to navigate the ship to Tacoma and Vancouver. Captain James Bartlett was released and given two of the *Bellerophon's* regular officers, who are acting as first and second mates and two new men were engaged temporarily. Of her crew of 88, white and yellow, she has on board only 24, all Chinese, 15 being firemen.

RUMOURS respecting a further increase by the Bank of Japan of the bank-rate are becoming more insistent. We are informed that bankers in Osaka generally appear to admit the course to be inevitable in order to prevent the exodus of gold. Such a measure is necessary for strengthening the basis of the note system of the Bank of Japan, and it can also be used to prevent a financial crisis. It is necessary at the present juncture that money should be advanced freely to business of sound standing, but bank-rates now always rank higher than the official rates of the Bank of Japan. The consequence is that banks borrow from the national bank, and make advances to their clients, pocketing the difference in rate of interest. Banks are thus induced to make advances with less care than should be observed and the increase in the rate of the Bank of Japan will prevent this.—*Japan Chronicle*.

NEW YORK is to have the largest clock in the world, which distinction London has held for a long time with "Big Ben" in Westminster Abbey. The new clock is to be placed in the tower of the Metropolitan Life building in Madison Square, and will be in keeping with the structure itself, which is the tallest permanent structure in the world, with the exception of Eiffel Tower in Paris. The new tower will be forty-eight stories high, and the clock is to occupy part of the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh floors. The dial of the clock will be twenty-five feet with letters four feet high, and hands twelve feet long. As the clock has not yet been ordered it is not known just how it will be run, but probably by electricity, although some of the newer ones have used compressed air. Owing to the immense size of the clock it will be possible to tell the time from a great distance. The tower, too, will be a landmark, overtopping everything in the vicinity. It will be 658 feet above the street.

THE *Referee* gives an amusing account of racing in Persia, which if true—and this we, of course, steadfastly believe to be the case—makes out the sport rather too exciting to be pleasant. Our contemporary says "the Shah is a great patron of horse racing, but some of his sporting subjects would be better pleased if he hawked his patronage further afield. Still, he is a very fair man, as Shahs go, and likes to see a fair-run race. But if he has a horse running, and it is beaten by another man's horse, the Shah, it is alleged, confiscates that horse and all the money that was on him. The other fellow can enter as a protest, of course, but he may not be present to give evidence; all his time may be taken up searching round the goal grounds to see where his head has got to. Another good notion of the Shah's is to round up all the bookmakers just before each race is started, and lock them up securely in an iron cage until the race is over. Then they have to pay out through the iron bars, the Shah having first cut in whether he wins or loses—whether his horse wins or loses, I mean, because the Shah never loses. Sometimes the Shah will honour a bookmaker by saying "Sir Roostepoolah, I will match my horse Whirlwind against the best in your stables, but let it be the very best, for mine is very good. We will make the stakes two tomanas aside (about £180). If the party so honoured has been there before he rides his own horse, and is very careful to lose after a good struggle. Should he be foolish enough to win, he is compelled to swap horses and give the stakes to the Shah to boot as well. So it is small wonder to learn that His Majesty's Majesty is "passionately fond of racing."

## THE 'TATSU MARU.'

## AGITATION IN CANTON.

## MASS MEETING CONVENED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 6th March, 1908.  
With reference to the arrest of the Japanese steamer *Tatsu Maru* No. 2 by the Chinese authorities on the charge of alleged smuggling of arms and ammunition, negotiations are still proceeding between the parties concerned, in order to bring about a satisfactory settlement. As the Japanese Government persistently demands the release of the captured vessel, the Chinese people, other than officials here who are watching closely the progress of the negotiations, are of opinion that steps should be taken to protest against the Japanese demands. The Canton Self-Government League, realising the importance of the question, has issued a circular calling a mass meeting to discuss the matter.

The circular runs as follows:—The Japanese steamer *Tatsu Maru* No. 2 was arrested in Chinese waters for the illegal act of smuggling arms and ammunition; consequently, the vessel should, of course, be confiscated by the Chinese Government in conformity with the international treaty between the two countries. The Japanese Government, on the other hand, demands its release. It is now decided to arrange a meeting to take place to-morrow when all classes of the Chinese population are invited to attend for the purpose of making a protest against the Japanese demands.

## CONDITIONAL RELEASE UNACCEPTABLE.

A few days ago a communication was received by the parties immediately concerned to the case that the Canton Viceroy was willing to acquiesce in a conditional surrender of the vessel. The Chinese Authorities stipulated that the *Tatsu Maru* would be released on condition that the cargo was detained. They admitted, although somewhat late in the day, that the vessel was in Portuguese territorial waters at the time of her arrest. To the conditional surrender of the steamer, the Japanese Consul at Canton demurred. Mr. Uyeno insisted on the release of the *Tatsu* and cargo all in all. The Consul's official contention was that, if, as now admitted, the steamer was within the waters of Macao, the Chinese Government had no case in seeking to detain the cargo. It is not couched that within the next few days the *Tatsu Maru* will be released in compliance with the joint demands of the Japanese and Portuguese Consuls at Canton. The next question to arise will be one of compensation, that claimed on demurrage alone for over a month's detention is stated to be a large amount. In the meantime no statement of claims has actually been lodged with the Provincial Government at Canton.

## CANTON DAY BY DAY.

## THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 7th March, 1908.  
It has already been reported that H.E. the Viceroy will shortly make a tour of inspection through the different districts of the province under his jurisdiction. It is now ascertained that H.E.'s itinerary on the West River will include Shuihing, Loning, Takshing, Fungchuen and thence to Wuchow, whence he will proceed to Nanning and then return to the borders of the province. H.E. will continue his tour to Chiaochow and Waichow whence he returns to Canton by the West River. H.E.'s suite will comprise only a few members.

## RAILWAY TAFFIC.

The daily collection of fares from passengers travelling on the Kowloon-Wongsha section of the Canton-Hankow Railway for the last ten days of the first month is as follows:—

Date.	Persons.	Amount collected.
21st . . . . .	3,528	\$365.18
22nd . . . . .	2,921	312.81
23rd . . . . .	3,120	329.78
24th . . . . .	2,870	289.86
25th . . . . .	2,695	279.31
26th . . . . .	3,169	422.75
27th . . . . .	2,665	305.43
28th . . . . .	2,894	307.93
29th . . . . .	2,585	385.38
30th . . . . .	2,736	365.69
Total . . . . .	29,043	\$3,507.12

The total for the whole of the first month is as follows:—  
Number of passengers carried, 89,447 persons; amount collected, \$9,775.78.

## A MILITARY DELINQUENT.

A military officer named Tam Ping-wing who was escorted to Canton some time ago on a charge of neglect of duty, in failing to protect the city of Fongshing during the recent rising in the prefecture of Yunchow, will be sent in a few days time to Peking under the escort of Pun Ting-ying to be tried there and dealt with.

## GOVERNMENT NOTE ISSUE.

The High Authorities have issued a proclamation to the effect that notes equivalent in denomination to Mexican dollars instead of twenty-cent pieces have been printed and will be issued for circulation. There are three kinds or denominations, that is \$10, \$5 and \$1 notes. These notes should be accepted by all classes as well as by Government departments.

ADMIRAL MOORE'S VISIT.  
To-morrow afternoon, H.E. will receive the British Admiral and the British Consul-General at this port.

The new Mexican Consul, Mr. J. Zundel, took over charge of office yesterday.  
We learn from a Tokyo dispatch to the *Osaka Mainichi* that the Yokohama Specie Bank, which has reduced the term of bills on shipments of raw cotton from America to 60 days and that from India to 30 days, now contemplates reducing the term of bills on shipments from London to 60 days (now 90 days).

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

## HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Hotel, this afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1907, with the report of the directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the meeting. Mr. W. Hutton Potts (Chairman of Directors) presided; others present were—The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Dr. J. W. Noble (directors), Messrs. P. C. Potts, Lo Cheung Shiu, E. S. Kadoorie, E. D. Haskell, F. Maitland, W. E. Clarke, A. Turner, Chao Chan Nam, E. J. Chapman and C. Mooney (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—With your approval we will accept the report and accounts as read. It is with regret that we have again to place before you an account showing a further reduction in profits, the shortage being over \$18,000 as compared with the corresponding period of 1906. This is caused by the continued falling off in those departments which in previous years have proved the most profitable, and to the unfortunate collapse of part of the side verandah of the east wing in August last, depriving the hotel of the use of many rooms. There does not appear to be any prospect of an early increase in returns as although the falling off in bar, etc., has for the moment ceased, we have now to suffer loss from a further decrease in the rooms available in the old building and in the rents of shops vacated and to be vacated shortly. Considerable economy has been effected in the various departments and we expect to make large reductions in the coal bill as soon as the gas engines are working. During the period under review three electric lifts have been installed, also telephones and fire alarm bells on each floor and one new gas engine is in good working order. Your Board have given a lot of time to the consideration of the best building to take the place of the old part of the hotel and they hope in the next few months to place their recommendations before you when they will have to ask you for new capital. Three schemes were considered and the one finally recommended, will, I trust, be adopted, as when completed your hotel should be in a first-class position to meet all requirements of residents and transients for many years to come. Until all tenders are received it is impossible for me to give a reliable estimate of the cost, but I would remark that it is likely that the amount of new capital to be called up will exceed the three lacs mentioned by your chairman at the last general meeting of the company. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to reply to any questions to the best of my ability.

There were no questions asked.  
The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Turner seconded.—Carried unanimously.  
The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne was re-elected to the Board of directors on the motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Maitland.  
Mr. Haskell moved and Mr. P. C. Potts seconded that Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe, C.A., be re-elected auditors.

Carried unanimously.  
The Chairman—Much obliged for your attendance, gentlemen. Dividend warrants can be obtained on Monday, on application to the Secretary.

That concluded the business.

## KOWLOON AND VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOLS.

The following new rules are printed in the *Gazette*:—

Admission to the Schools is limited to children of European parentage; the Inspector of Schools may, if he thinks it desirable, refuse any application for admission subject to appeal to the Governor whose decision shall be final.

Boys over 12 years of age will not be allowed to remain at the Kowloon School.

Girls over 12 years of age will not be admitted or allowed to remain at the Victoria School.

Application for admission must be made in the first instance to the Headmaster or Headmistress of the Schools, at least one month before the desired date of admission.

Fees are payable monthly and in advance, on the following scale:—

	Upper School.	Lower School.
For the first child of one family in attendance . . . . .	\$5	\$3
For the second of two or more children of the same family in attendance together . . . . .	\$4	\$2
For the third of three or more children of the same family in attendance together . . . . .	\$3	\$2

The above fees must be paid in the adhesive stamps of the Colony which will be cancelled by the Head of the School.

Fees will be charged from the beginning of the month in which the pupil commences attendance.

No fees will be charged during school vacations.

No pupil may remain at the school while suffering from any infectious disease: nor may any pupil return to school after recovery from such disease, nor come from a house in which there is or has recently been infection, without a medical certificate stating that there is no danger of infection.

The Headmaster or Headmistress may, with the concurrence of the Inspector of Schools, decline to receive any pupil whose fees have not been paid and may expel any pupil if such a course is considered advisable in the interests of the school; an appeal to a such expulsion shall lie to the Governor whose decision shall be final.

## THE HONGKONG MILLING COMPANY, LIMITED.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's office, King's Building, at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors and the statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1907. Mr. A. H. Rennie presided. There were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. E. Shellim, and H. N. Mody (directors), Messrs. J. Orange, H. Percy Smith, A. H. Ough, H. F. Chard, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Messrs. W. Hughes, N. Kobayashi, Leung Koon Tai and Ting Lan Kok.

Mr. H. F. Chard read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts to the end of 1907 have now been in your hands for the past 10 or 12 days, and with your permission I will take them as read. I hope you will agree with me that the result of the working is satisfactory for the first year of a company such as this, which introduces a new industry into the Colony. The conditions throughout the year have been distinctly unfavourable, the large stocks of American and Australian flour, which amounted to over 5,000,000 bags in 1907, having exercised a very depressing effect on prices, which are much below the level justified by the advance in wheat. The outlook for the current year is more promising. The demand for our product continues so strong that we have difficulty in keeping pace with it. As stated in the directors' report, our ice plant will be in running order by the beginning of April. The Hongkong Ice Company have contracted to take the whole of our output for a period of ten years, and we anticipate that this branch of our business will prove very profitable. I am glad to say that everything is going smoothly at the Mills; our Diesel engines and milling plant are in perfect condition, and there is no sickness among the employees. A profit of \$161,262.76 in the first eleven months of our working proves that we have established the business on a sound basis, and I confidently believe that at our next meeting we will be in a position to propose a handsome distribution of profits, but in view of the fact that it was our first working year and that we are still expending a considerable amount on capital account, my directors recommend that we pay off our debit of \$77,734.57 and carry forward \$12,756.09 to credit of this year's account, which I trust will meet with your approval. I now beg to move the report and statement of account at 31st December, 1907, be received, approved and adopted.

Mr. J. Orange, in seconding, said he had had a great deal of experience both in starting and with the working of new companies, and he congratulated the directors and management upon the results they had placed before them. Referring to the debit balance in the first year's working, it might be said that debit might have been written down to capital. Still he thought it came to the same thing. The net result, he thought, was a matter of great congratulation to the Board and their energetic general manager (applause) with whom he had had a great deal to do in connection with the Mills. In his experience he never came across a more energetic and capable individual. The word "Cannot" did not enter in his (Mr. Rennie's) composition. Mr. Orange then spoke of the condition of the Mills and thought that it would do the shareholders good to go and see for themselves what a model of cleanliness and neatness the whole establishment was. He had had experience of flour mills at home, but nowhere, in his experience, had he seen one kept under conditions of cleanliness as those at Junk Bay. The milling faces and alertness of the Chinese at the Mills would astonish anyone who was acquainted with operatives in Hongkong. He had great pleasure in according the motion (applause), which was carried unanimously.

The appointment of Mr. E. Shellim as a director was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Percy Smith, seconded by Mr. Mody.  
Mr. Ough moved that the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. H. N. Mody be re-appointed directors.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk seconded.—Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Ough, seconded by Mr. Mody, Mr. H. Percy Smith was re-elected auditor.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

## SHIPPING AND MAELS

Indian (*Footings*) 9th inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 9th inst.  
American (*Hongkong Maru*) 10th inst.  
German (*Prinzess Alice*) 10th inst.  
Indian (*Kumant*) 13th inst.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s *Trimont* left Manila to-day, and is due here on 9th inst. afternoon.  
The C. P. R. Co.'s *Monticla* left Vancouver p.m., on 5th inst., for Hongkong via the usual Ports of Call.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s *Kamsing* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port yesterday, at 3 p.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Ludwig*, which left here on Tuesday midnight, arrived at Shanghai yesterday, at 5 p.m.

The P. & A. Co.'s s.s. *Nicomede* arrived at Yokohama from Australia on 2nd inst., 8 and 10 a.m., and is due to arrive at this port on 14th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai at 1.30 p.m., on 6th inst., and left again at 11 p.m., same day, for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on 9th inst.  
The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinzess Alice* carrying the German Mail with passengers from Berlin of the 4th ult., left Singapore on 5th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on 10th inst., at 11 a.m.



## Telegrams.

(Review.)

## Disaster at a School.

London, 5th March.  
A school at Cleveland, Ohio, caught fire and was gutted.  
Four hundred children panicked, and 150 bodies, including those of two teachers, have already been recovered.  
There were only two exits to the building, one of which was jammed by the bodies of children.

## Great Britain and Siam.

Reuter understands that a treaty is in course of negotiation between Great Britain and Bangkok for the concession of certain extraterritorial rights.

## The British Navy.

The military correspondent of the *Times* draws attention to a matter of grave importance.

He learns that the Kaiser has written a letter to Lord Tweedmouth on the subject of British and German naval policy, amounting to an attempt to influence, in the interests of Germany, the Minister responsible for the Navy Estimates.

The correspondent of the *Times* urges that the letter and the reply to it be immediately laid before Parliament.

The *Times*, commenting on the matter, protests against the secrecy of the letter, as the regular official channels were open; and hopes that the Government will not declare the letter private.

## THE FIRE BRIGADE.

ENFORCING DISCIPLINE.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the following offences against discipline, if committed by any member of the Fire Brigade under the rank of assistant engineer, shall be punishable by any one or more of the punishments hereinafter enumerated, as the Superintendent may in his discretion determine:—

## OFFENCES.

Absence without leave, disobedience of orders, insubordination, neglect of duty, sleeping when on duty, and intoxication.

## PUNISHMENTS.

Caution, reprimand, severe reprimand, confinement to station (not exceeding 7 days), and fine (not exceeding \$15).

## FOOCHOW DOCKYARDS.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

On the recommendation of Prince Ching, H. K. Yang Shih-chi (brother of Viceroy Yang Shih-hsiang) Imperial travelling Commissioner for the study of the existing condition of Chinese merchants and others in those foreign countries East of the Suez Canal, will be appointed Special Commissioner in charge of the Foochow Dockyards, so as to introduce the necessary reforms into them in view of the proposed re-organization of the Chinese navy.

The French Minister in Peking has drafted a note to the Viceroy demanding that, as the yards were originally started under the supervision of French engineers, China should also engage French subjects to re-organize them in case the services of foreigners are required; but it is stated that the Board has declined the request, on the ground that it is the sole province of the Chinese Government to employ any foreign engineers from any of the Treaty Powers of China, if the services of such men are wanted in future, without preference to the subjects of any individual country.

The yards will be chiefly reserved for the repairing of the ships of the Pei-yang and Nan-yang squadrons.—*China Critic*.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 7th at 11.40 a.m.—The barometer has fallen quickly over S.W. Japan and the Loo-choo, and risen considerably over China.

The depression is near the Northern Loo-choo, and is moving towards N.E. A high pressure area lies over China to the North of the Yangtze.

Gradients are rather steep along the China coast, and strong N. winds to a gale will prevail over the Eastern Sea, the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

## FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N. winds, fresh or strong, fine.  
2.—Formosa Channel, N. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loo-choo, same as No. 1.  
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 2.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha \$50  
Java China Japan Life 25  
Linstead & Davis 25  
W. R. Loxley & Co. 25  
Spery Flour Co. 25  
E. Kadoorie & Co. 25  
A. Rumbold 25  
Jabben & Co. 25  
Holland China Trading Co. 25  
A. R. Martz 25  
M. W. Slatte 25  
Hon. H. E. Pollock 25  
Ho Kom Tong 25  
P. R. Rumbold 25  
China Leap Chop 20  
Alfred Wei Yeh 1

## THE WANCHAI ROBBERY.

PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Mr. H. E. J. Gompertz, first police magistrate, presiding at the Police Court, this forenoon, listened to the story of different witnesses in connection with the assault on the Indian watchman, I. Qure, at Wanchai, as fully reported in a recent issue of the *Hong Kong Telegraph*. The accused, Leung Kwan, who was formerly a *lakong* in the Police Force, was charged with assault with intent to rob, early on the morning of the 27th ult.

He pleaded not guilty, and was undefended. Inspector Gourlay, of No. 2 Police Station, conducted the case for the police.

Atma Singh, a watchman in the employ of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, said that on the morning of the 27th instant he left work to return to his home at Wanchai. When he arrived outside the old Commissariat building he saw a Chinaman standing near a tree. Witness continued on his way for a few paces when another Chinaman joined the other near the tree. As he was passing one of them rushed at him and robbed a handful of pepper in his eyes, while the other attempted to get his hands into his pockets. Witness, who by this time was dazed with pain, cried "Police-man, policeman." He was then knocked down, and his assaults bolted—one running eastward and the other towards the west. Witness pursued the man going west, calling for help all the time. Then he saw a European rush out from the Naval Yard and seized the man. The European told witness to go and fetch a policeman, but witness could not go as his eyes were too bad. The prisoner was removed into the dockyard until the arrival of a policeman. When witness left his work he had sixty cents, but when he reached No. 2 Police Station only twenty cents was in his pocket. As a reason for the assault witness said that he usually went about with a large sum of money, but on this night he only had a few cents.

"The Court—How much do you get a month? Witness—\$15.  
And how much do you save out of that?—\$9 a month.

You are a money-lender, are you not?—Yes. How much money have you out in loans?—Between \$100 and \$500.

Do you know the defendant?—No. Ever saw him before?—Never.

Inspector Gourlay—After making the report did you show the spot where you were assaulted to Sergeant Counsell?—Yes.

And were you present when the sergeant found a twenty-cent piece on the street?—Yes. The Court (to defendant)—You have heard the evidence. What have you to say?—I think he has made a mistake.

P. C. Harry Marriott, of the Naval Yard Police, said that about 12.30 o'clock on the morning of the 27th ult., he was on duty in the dockyard. He heard the cries of "policeman" coming from the street, and, pulling open the gate, he saw the defendant running in his direction and the Indian watchman about twenty yards behind. Witness waited until defendant came in line with him. Then he seized him, and removed him into a cell in the dockyard. He was searched, and a hammer was found tucked under his girdle, on the right hand side. Some time later an officer from No. 2 Police Station arrived and witness handed defendant over.

Sergeant Counsell spoke to visiting the spot where the robbery was stated to have occurred, and to finding a pocket of pepper and a twenty-cent piece lying on the street.

In his statement when arrested defendant admitted rubbing pepper in the eyes of the complainant, "because I wanted to assault him as a few days before he struck me with his stick on the nose outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank," he said.

The defendant was committed for trial.

## "HOME FOR THE POOR"

ITALIAN CONVENT, WANCHAI BRANCH.

We are requested by the Rev. Mother Superior, Italian Convent, to acknowledge the following further generous donations to the funds for the reconstruction of the building in St. Francis Street, Wanchai, for the "Home for the Poor":—  
H. E. M. J. General Broadwood C.B. 50.00  
W. Lysaught, Esq. 200.00  
Chev. Dr. Gomes 100.00  
A kind friend 100.00  
E. Shellin, Esq., Messrs. David Sassoon & Co. 100.00  
V. Attien, Esq. 150.00  
A. Bryer, Esq. 50.00  
Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master 50.00  
J. M. de Castro Basto, Esq. 50.00  
Ho Fook, Esq. 50.00  
Ho Kom Tong, Esq. 50.00  
Mrs. J. C. Peter 4.00  
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The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewell 25.00  
Messrs. Chas. J. Gaupp & Co. 25.00  
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The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewell 5.00  
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Friends 4.50  
Choa Leep Chep, Esq. 10.00  
Yeom Koo, Esq. 10.00  
M. Kobayashi, Esq. 10.00  
G. C. Gok, Esq. 10.00  
Chou Cheng-ong, Esq. 5.00  
L. Marques, Esq. 5.00  
Wong Fat, Esq. 2.00  
Friends 2.00

## THE YARN TRADE.

DEPRESSION IN JAPAN.

Japanese contemporaries attribute the present financial panic, chiefly to the depression in the raw silk and cotton yarn market, which is looking up a considerable amount of money. In consequence, it is pointed out, exports and imports have lost equilibrium, imports still continuing largely to exceed exports. Again, the proposed increase of taxation has called for a large importation of the commodities concerned. This has intensified the excess of imports, and gold continues to flow out of the country. Consequently the domestic trade is seriously affected, and the market for all commodities is depressed, the consuming power of the people declining with the tension in the circulation of money. Those merchants who were in a difficult position have been deprived of assistance owing to the stringency of money and have been forced to suspend payment. This has resulted in the failure of a cotton-yarn dealer in Tokyo and the suspension of banks in Hachioji and Tokyo, as well as caused the failure of the metal merchants in Osaka which has intensified the present crisis.

It is reported that the Kanagawa Spinning Company is negotiating with French capitalists for the issue of debentures to the amount of ¥3,000,000. The rate of interest proposed by the company is 6 per cent., the debentures being guaranteed by the Mitsui and Mitsu Bishi Banks. The reply of the French capitalists is expected to be received next month. It is reported that the Kanagawa Spinning Company is quite confident of success. The money is required for the extension of the company's works and plant, but as the extension is immediately required, the loan if secured will be deposited with the two banks mentioned until it is called for, and in the meantime it will be utilised as a working fund. Until the money is required it is hoped by the company to pay the debenture interest out of the interest received from the money on deposit.

The *Osaka Asahi* is again attacking the commercial morality of English manufacturers. It alleges that cotton spinners and weavers in Japan have been subjected to considerable difficulty on account of the delay in the delivery of machinery ordered from well-known English makers of spinning and weaving machinery. Between the second half of 1906 and last year, the spinning industry made marked progress, the total number of spindles during the period, by extension of works or the formation of new companies, increasing by 300,000, machinery for which was ordered from England. The contracted time for the delivery of the machinery representing some five million yen in value, expired over six months ago, and yet the machinery has not arrived. The *Asahi* journal accuses the delay in delivery to the fact that the English contractors accepted more orders than they could execute owing to the remarkable activity in the spinning and weaving industry in Europe and America during the past three years. It makes some strong comments on the lack of integrity shown in taking orders which could not be executed.—*Japan Chronicle*.

## MARINE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN JAPAN.

GOVERNMENT PROTECTION DESIRABLE.

The *Japan Chronicle* says:—A petition is being signed by Japanese steamship owners, addressed to the Government and Diet, asking that marine insurance should be made a Government monopoly or that some other suitable measure should be taken for the protection of steamship owners when they desire to insure their vessels. The petitioners say that the progress of this particular branch of insurance in Japan is far behind the advance shown in shipping. Japanese shipping shows an aggregate tonnage of more than 1,000,000, while the marine insurance companies now in existence are only four—the Tokio, Nippon and Kobe—with an aggregate authorised capital of only ¥4,000,000, of which not more than ¥3,500,000 is paid up. In these circumstances the four companies named are only enabled to continue their business with the assistance of foreign companies, with which 70 or 80 per cent. of insurance taken by the Japanese companies is re-insured. Consequently the Japanese are compelled to act under the dictates of foreign companies in regard to the rate of premium of re-insurance and class of the vessels insured. The result is that the Japanese companies are virtually in the position of agents of foreign companies. Latterly, the Japanese companies, owing to the regulations of the foreign companies, have found themselves unable to undertake the insurance of steamers built before 1880, with the result that Japanese steamers representing about 70,000 tons are obliged to trade unprotected by insurance. This is a serious disadvantage, for those vessels naturally find much difficulty in securing passengers or freight. Therefore it is urged that the Government should come to their assistance.

Sorely it is only in Japan that such an extraordinary proposal could be made. Here are a number of companies, foreign and Japanese, who, presumably, find that it does not pay to accept risks in Japan on vessels more than twenty-five years old. Thereupon the steamship owners appeal to the Government, who, if a monopoly of the insurance business is created, will be expected to accept insurances on every old tramp that is possessed by a Japanese subject. The result will be that the Government's losses on the monopoly will be more than its receipts from premiums, in which case either premiums will have to be raised, or the State will have to bear the burden of the loss. This is a protection run mad!

THE Japanese Government is determined to maintain a strong attitude with reference to the Chinese Mining Regulations and it will not recognize their validity, even if China intended to bring them into force on the date said.

## COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the 6th inst.:—  
There has been a slight falling off in business during the week under review, and the market closes quiet for most stocks.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled slightly easier during the past week, closing with sellers at \$595. In London, a weaker feeling prevails and the rate has declined to 276.

Marine Insurances.—There are sellers of North China at Tls. 34. Unions can be secured at \$850. Yangtzes, now, are still in favour at \$140.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires are in the market at \$89 ex the dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$2 per share paid to-day. Hongkong Fire are unchanged and without business to report. Shipping.—China & Manilla have weakened to \$13. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have sellers at \$23. Star Ferries, old and new, can be sold at quotations.

Refineries.—China Sugars have slightly weakened to \$113, owing to the report that no dividend will be paid. Luzon and Perak Sugars are unchanged.

Mining.—Chinese Engineerings are easier and rising at Tls. 15. Fauba have changed hands to a fair extent at \$8. We are informed by private telegraphic advices from Singapore that the crushing for the past four weeks yielded 723 ozs. gold from 7,243 tons stone and by cyanide process, 209 ozs., extra 476 ozs.—thus making a total of 1,908 ozs. in all.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharfs have improved to \$55 for the old and \$53 for the new shares. Sales of Shanghai Docks have been effected at Tls. 80, and there are further buyers at the rate. Whampoa Docks are in further demand at \$56. Hongkew Wharfs have been dealt in at the reduced rate of Tls. 211.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Humphreys Estates have been sold, and there are further buyers at 12. West Points have appreciated to 127. Shanghai Lands are on offer in the North at the increased rate of Tls. 105. Small sales of Hongkong Hotels have been fixed at \$103. In their report for the year ending 31st December, 1907, which has been issued to shareholders the Directors state that the Profit and Loss Account, including the sum of \$1,012.88 brought forward from 30th June, 1907, shows a credit balance of \$49,152.17, which the Directors recommended should be apportioned as follows:—To pay a dividend of 7 per cent.—\$31, for the half-year, making \$71 for the year, absorbing \$42,000. To transfer to Reserve and Renewals account the sum of \$7,150 and to carry forward to new account, the balance of \$152.17.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos are on offer at Tls. 54. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without business to report.

Miscellaneous.—China Borneos are slightly firmer at 104 at which rate/sales have taken place. Further sales of China Providents have been put through at \$9. Green Island Cements have been taken off the market at \$11 and \$13. Hongkong Ice is steady at \$215 ex the final dividend of \$15 per share paid on the 2nd inst. There are Northern sellers of Langkats at Tls. 42, while Sumatras have buyers at Tls. 123 ex the final dividend of Tls. 9 per share paid in Shanghai on the 3rd inst.

Exchange.—The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/10 on demand. The T/T. rate on Shanghai is 74.

Dividends Payable.—Hongkong Fire—dividend of \$27.1. 1908, payable on the 10th inst. Kowloon Wharfs—Final of \$14 for 1907, payable on the 7th inst. Hongkong Hotels—Final of \$14 for 1907, payable on the 7th inst. Langkats—Interim of Tls. 10, for account 1907, payable on the 16th inst. Hongkew Wharfs—Final of Tls. 9 for 1907.

## YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 6th instant, Messrs. Phiroosha, Petit & Co. write:—  
Our last circular was dated the 2nd February.

The yarn market during the past fortnight ruled very steady and in fulfilment of anticipations country orders have been steadily arriving resulting in the offer being even better than in the preceding fortnight. The demand was both for "forward" and "spot" cargo; settlements of the former amount to no less than 4,000 bales. Current prices ruled as on date of last report with a few exceptions in the case of the more fancied spinnings which advanced \$1 per bale. This appreciation might have been greater. The further discount in the rate of Chinese subsidiary coils, and the high price of rice in Canton and neighbouring districts militated against higher prices.

The stronger feeling in the Bombay market and the continued paucity of arrivals are favourable indications tending to foster anticipations of better times in the local market.

No. 207.—A fair business was done in selected threads at last mail's price.

No. 167.—Are not in inquiry.

No. 122.—A good business transpired in best chaps.

No. 102.—In request at current rates.

No. 85.—Remains neglected.

No. 65.—Only two threads changed hands at quotations.

Market closes steady.

Arrivals.—Per steamers *Arcton* *Apar* and *Catherine* *Apar* (from Calcutta), and *Takarshi* *Maru* and *Marmora* (from Bombay) about 5,500 bales.

Despatch Stock.—About 24,000 bales.

Uncleared Stock.—About 210,000 bales.

Exchange.—We quote to-day as follows:—

London T.T. at Rs. 141 1/2 per cent.

India T.T. at Rs. 109 1/2 per cent.

Shanghai T.T. at Rs. 113 1/2 per cent.

Bank of England rate 4 1/2 % Sovereign.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## KOWLOON HOTEL.

DINNER.

SUNDAY, 4th March, 1908.

HORS D'OEUVRES.  
Macassar Fish on Biscuit.  
Celery, Olives, Green Onions.

## SOUP.

Mulligatawny of Crab.

## FISH.

Fried Sole à la Maitre de Hotel.

## ENTREES.

Quails à la Anglaise.

Frog Cutlets and Cream Sauce.

## CURRY.

Lobster.

## RELISHES.

Boiled Ox-tongue and Spinach.

## COLD JOINTS.

C. Lamb of Capon.

Salad à la Jardinière.

## ROAST.

Sirloin of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding.

Goose and Apple Sauce.

## VEGETABLES.

Boiled French Beans, Boiled Potatoes.

Fried Egg Plant, Baked Sweet Potatoes.

Grilled Tomatoes.

## LUDDING AND PASTRY.

T. Psy Cake, Apple Tart, Coconut Tart.

Fruit Jelly, Assorted Cakes.

Cheese and Crackers.

## DESSERT.

Vanilla Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.

Nuts, Fruits of sorts, Cafe Noir. 1908

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY

HOLDERS will be held in the City Hall, on SATURDAY, the 14th March at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 14th March, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1908. [207]

Writing under same date, Messrs. Cawajee, Pallanjee & Co. report:—

After the issue of our last report on the 21st ult., a fair number of settlements has been effected during the interval in some counts at current rates; and the Chinese dealers are making small but effective purchases, being supported by a continuous demand from the interior for several desirable spinnings, at quotations. Reports of a strong market in Bombay, together with the prices there being much more than those ruling here and also small importations have greatly supported our market which remains very steady.

No. 62 and 82.—Small sales have been reported at last mail quotations.

No. 102.—Have been in good demand, and prices have remained the same.

No. 122.—A moderate business has been done in some approved spinnings owing to their cheapness.

No. 167.—The demand for this count has ceased—only one thread being dealt in.

No. 202.—A fair number of bales of some favourite spinnings have changed hands, prices being the same as quoted last.

Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about 100 bales of No. 62; 100 of No. 82; 2,240 of No. 102; 1,005 of No. 122; 50 of No. 167; 1,165 of No. 202; in all about 5,000 bales. Arrivals per steamers *A. Apar*, *C. Apar*, *Takarshi Maru*, and *Marmora* amount to about 5,500 bales.

Shipment to Shanghai and Northern Ports of about 2,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 27,000 bales.

Local Mills.—Sales of 50 bales of No. 82 at \$89 and 200 bales of No. 102 at \$91 per bale have been reported.

Japanese Yarn.—During the past fortnight 25 bales of No. 167 at \$118 and 310 bales of No. 202 at \$122 to \$135 have been sold.

Exchange.—We quote on India to-day at Rs. 142 1/2. On London at 11. 109/160.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 110 to 9 1/16

Do. demand 110 1/16

Do. 4 months sight 110 1/16

France—Bank T.T. 237

America—Bank T.T. 458

Germany—Bank T.T. 109 1/16

India T.T. 142 1/2

Do. demand 142 1/2

Shanghai—Bank T.T. 74 1/2

Singapore—Bank T.T. 22 1/2 prem.

Java—Bank T.T. 92 1/2

Yarn—Bank T.T. 113 1/2

Buying.

1 month sight L/C. 111 1/16

1 month sight L/C. 111 1/16

10 days sight San Francisco & New York 46 1/2

1 month sight do. 47 1/2

10 days sight Sydney and Melbourne 111 1/16

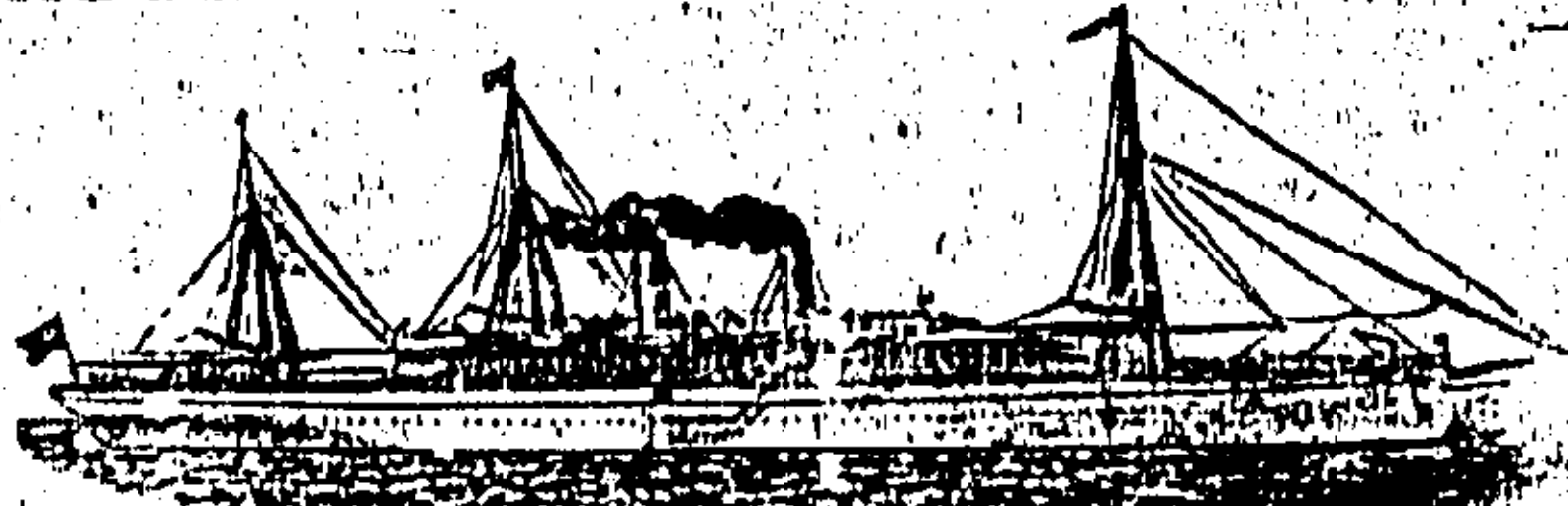
1 month sight France 142 1/2

1 month sight Germany 142 1/2

10 days sight 25 9/16



## Shipping—Steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

## Luxury—Speed—Functuality.

The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of under Eleven Days across the Pacific in the "Empress Line." Saving 5 to 10 Days Ocean Travel.  
11 Days YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER. 18 Days HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.	(Subject to Alteration.)
EMPERESS OF CHINA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Mar. 12th
EMPERESS OF INDIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Mar. 19th
EMPERESS OF JAPAN	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Mar. 26th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Apr. 2nd
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Apr. 9th
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Apr. 16th
EMPERESS OF EUROPE	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Apr. 23rd
EMPERESS OF ASIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Apr. 30th
EMPERESS OF OCEANIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, May 7th
EMPERESS OF ANTARCTICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, May 14th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, May 21st
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, May 28th
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jun. 4th
EMPERESS OF EUROPE	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jun. 11th
EMPERESS OF ASIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jun. 18th
EMPERESS OF OCEANIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jun. 25th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jul. 2nd
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jul. 9th
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jul. 16th
EMPERESS OF EUROPE	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jul. 23rd
EMPERESS OF ASIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Jul. 30th
EMPERESS OF OCEANIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Aug. 6th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Aug. 13th
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Aug. 20th
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Aug. 27th
EMPERESS OF EUROPE	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Sep. 3rd
EMPERESS OF ASIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Sep. 10th
EMPERESS OF OCEANIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Sep. 17th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Sep. 24th
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Oct. 1st
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Oct. 8th
EMPERESS OF EUROPE	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Oct. 15th
EMPERESS OF ASIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Oct. 22nd
EMPERESS OF OCEANIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Oct. 29th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Nov. 5th
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Nov. 12th
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Nov. 19th
EMPERESS OF EUROPE	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Nov. 26th
EMPERESS OF ASIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Dec. 3rd
EMPERESS OF OCEANIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Dec. 10th
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Dec. 17th
EMPERESS OF AFRICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Dec. 24th
EMPERESS OF AMERICA	LEAVE HONGKONG THURSDAY, Dec. 31st

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(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI	CHOWSANG	TUESDAY, 10th Mar., Noon
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, 13th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE	FOOKSANG	FRIDAY, 13th Mar., 4 P.M.
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ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, &c.	SHANGHAI	10th " " 10 A.M.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	SHANGHAI	10th " " 4 P.M.
MANILA	SHANGHAI	11th " " " "
CHEFOO	SHANGHAI	11th " " " "
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	12th " " " "
NEWCHANG	SHANGHAI	12th " " " "
CEBU & ILOILO	SHANGHAI	14th " " " "
	SHANGHAI	20th " " " "

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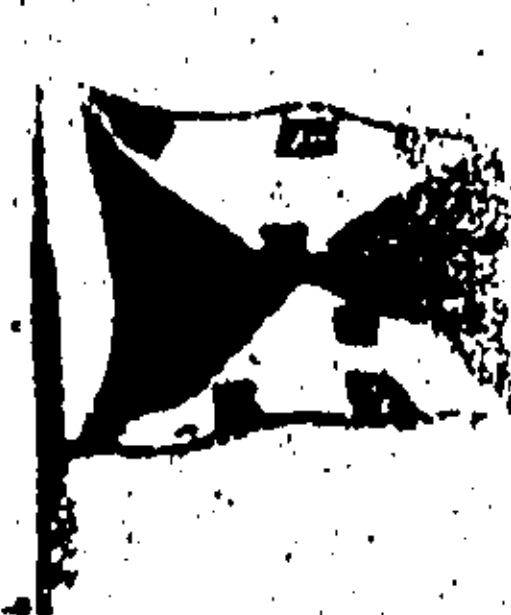
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STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

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Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

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These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in First Class Cabins.

Passage Fare—Single Journey—\$4.00

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1907.

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## FROM A SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK.

The doll is the oldest toy.

The markman's eye is gray.

Soap has been in use for 3,000 years.

The piano contains about one mile of wire.

London eats 180,000 tons of fish a year.

Swans have been known to live 300 years.

One hundred cod livers yield a gallon of oil.

The load for a full-grown elephant is 12,000 lbs.

Japan exports large quantities of mushrooms.

John Bull annually eats \$50,000,000 worth of fruit.

There is a clearing house for packages lost on the British railways, and about 1,000 packages per day are handled.

What is said to be the largest wagon in the world is doing service at Nome. It is 26 feet long and 7 feet high from the axle, and has wheels 10 feet in diameter.

The average weight of the British salmon is eight pounds.

Newspapers are sold on the streets of Spanish cities by women.

It is said that cold tea will kill the microbes of typhoid fever.

This century will have twenty-four leap years, the greatest possible number.

Four hundred millions of stardust are taken yearly off English coasts.

An orange tree has been known to produce 15,000 fruit at one crop.

There are 1,047 women to 1,000 men in England, but in Italy only 95 to each 100.

Despite the great falling off in the gold product of Colorado during the year 1906, that state still holds the lead of all the states and territories of America, including Alaska, in the production of precious metals.

The figures for the year 1906 were \$23,210,629, a decrease of \$1,813,344.

Free electricity travels at the same rate as light—186,000 miles a second. Through wire, only 16,000 miles a second.

The output of cast iron sash weights in the United States has reached 85,000 tons a year in recent years.

Among the richer classes 343 in 1,000 live to 63 years of age, in the middle classes 175 do so, and 56 only of the labouring classes survive to reach 60 years.

The plan of the proposed Henry Hudson memorial bridge at New York calls for a reinforced concrete span of 71







## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOKIE &amp; Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE DIVIDEND AT PRESENT QUOTATION. BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
<b>BANKS.</b>								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation .....	12,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,000,000 \$3,500,000 \$250,000 }	\$2,800,387	{ Final of £2 on old and £1.10/- on new shares for year ending 31.12.07 .....	5 1/2	{ \$195 sellers London £75.10/-
National Bank of China, Limited .....	10,025	£7	£6	{ £12,731 \$300,000 }	\$71,213	\$1 (London 3/6 for 1907) .....	...	\$51
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited .....	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$219,038 \$471,959 }	none	\$20 for 1896 .....	8 1/2	\$240
North China Insurance Company, Limited .....	10,000	£15	£5	{ £125,000 Tls. 48,942 }	Tls. 204,414	{ Final of 7/6 per share making in all 15/- for 1906—Tls. 2.05 .....	6 1/2	Tls. 84 sellers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited .....	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$3,000,000 \$70,000 \$456,407 }	1,460,410	{ Final of 12 making \$42 for 1907 and interim 1/2 for 1906 .....	5 1/2	1850
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited .....	8,000	\$100	\$40	{ \$80,000 \$19,112 }	\$394,520	1/2 year ending 31.12.07 .....	...	{ \$152 \$140 buyers
Do. (new) .....	4,000	\$50	\$60	{ \$50,000 \$19,112 }	...	...	...	...
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>								
Chioa Fire Insurance Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$100	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$316,007 \$13,812 }	\$71,432	1/2 and bonus \$2 for 1896 .....	9 1/2	\$89 ex div.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited .....	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$13,812 }	\$435,236	1/2 for 1907 .....	12 1/2	\$331
<b>SHIPPING.</b>								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$25	\$21	{ \$7,000 \$24,638 }	\$365	1/2 for 1906 .....	...	\$13
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$500,000 \$250,000 }	Nil.	1/2 for 1907 .....	10 1/2	\$40
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. ..	10,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$150,000 \$75,270 \$20,000 }	16,437	{ 1/2 and 1/2 making in all \$2 1/2 for year ending 31.12.07 .....	8 1/2	\$28 1/2
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	10,000	£5	£5	{ £50,000 £270,000 }	£3,694	5/- for 1906 @ ex 1/2 = \$2.24 per share ..	3 1/2	{ \$39 \$27
Do. (Deferred) .....	6,000	£5	£5	{ £50,000 £270,000 }	...	...	...	...
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited .....	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 54,372 £400,000 }	Tls. 13,347	Interim of Tls. 1 1/2 for account 1907 .....	12 1/2	{ Tls. 47 Tls. 50 sellers
Do. (Preference) .....	100,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000 £1,871 }	172,370	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 8. for a/c 1907)	4 1/2	45/-
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited ..	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$100,000 \$35,057 }	1137	{ \$1.00 for year ending 31.12.07 .....	4 1/2	\$25 buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$100,000 Tls. 410,479 Tls. 62,000 Tls. 81,100 Tls. 30,000 }	18,730	Final 1/2 making Tls. 5 for 1906 .....	12 1/2	Tls. 47 buyers
<b>REFINERIES.</b>								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited .....	10,000	100	100	{ 1450,000 }	4,218	1/8 for year ending 31.12.06 .....	...	\$113
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited .....	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ 1000,000 }	...	...	...	...
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ 100,000 }	Tls. 8,935	Tls. (8 1/2) for year ending 31.8.06 .....	5 1/2	\$15 sales Tls. 80 sellers
<b>Mining.</b>								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd. ....	100,000	£1	£1	{ £15,000 £84,393 }	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (No. 9) for 1907 .....	7 1/2	Tls. 15 sellers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited {	150,000	£1	£1	{ £15,000 £84,393 }	£11,358	...	...	\$8
<b>DOCKS, WHARVES &amp; GODOWNS.</b>								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited .....	18,000	\$25	\$25	{ 4,124 }	110,335	1/2 for year ending 31.12.06 .....	...	\$14
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. ..	10,000	\$50	\$50	{ 23,112 \$300,000 }	53,047	Interim of \$2 for six months ending June 30th 1907 .....	6 1/2	{ \$55 old \$53 new
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$100,000 \$50,000 }	\$441,442	Final of \$4 making \$8 for 1907 .....	8 1/2	\$6 buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. ....	57,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 187,210 Tls. 100,000 }	15,10,459	Interim of Tls. 2 1/2 for six months ending 31st October, 1907 .....	7 1/2	Tls. 20 ss. & b.
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited ..	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 190,100 Tls. 75,000 }	Tls. 23,112	Interim of Tls. 8 for account 1907 .....	8 1/2	Tls. 21 1/2 sales
<b>LANDS, HOTELS &amp; BUILDINGS.</b>								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd. ....	15,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 15,000 \$10,000 }	Tls. 3,388	Tls. 6 for 14 1/2 months ending 28.2.07 .....	6 1/2	Tls. 105
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) ..	10,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$250,000 \$10,000 }	\$10,908	1 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07 .....	10 1/2	\$22 buyers
Central Stores, Limited .....	50,123	\$15	\$15	{ \$1,000 \$1,000 }	9,178	\$1.80 for 1906 .....	13 1/2	\$14 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited .....	7,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$350,000 \$14,075 }	1,252	Final of 3 1/2 making 5 1/2 for 1907 .....	7 1/2	1100 ex div.
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. ....	10,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$20,000 }	3,915	{ Final of 3 1/2 making in all \$7 for year ending 31.12.07 .....	7 1/2	3100
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ..	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$100,000 \$12,471 }	4,621	70 cents for 1907 .....	7 1/2	\$10 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited ..	10,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$500,000 none }	5653	1/2 for 1907 .....	7 1/2	\$25
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited .....	78,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	{ Tls. 1,523,041 Tls. 170,000 }	Tls. 107,517	{ Final of Tls. 1 and bonus of Tls. 2 making in all Tls. 3 for 1907 .....	7 1/2	Tls. 105 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited .....	150	\$50	\$50	{ \$7,500 none }	11,541	{ Final of \$2.10 making in all \$4.10 for year ending 31.12.07 .....	8 1/2	Tls. 149
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. ....	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 23,276 }	Tls. 8,807	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ended 31.10.1907 .....	4 1/2	Tls. 51
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited .....	5,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$50,000 \$60,000 }	\$14,269	50 cents for year ending 31.7.07 .....	5 1/2	\$9
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 150,000 }	Tls. 85,519	Tls. 5 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 1/2) .....	...	Tls. 55 sellers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 800,000 Tls. 28,257 }	Tls. 50,663	Tls. 8 for 1906 .....	...	Tls. 75
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	{ Tls. 350,000 Tls. 28,257 }	Tls. 50,663	Tls. 50 for 1906 .....	...	Tls. 270
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited .....	8,604	12/6	12/6	{ £1,299 £638 }	£638	1/3 per share for 1906 .....	9 1/2	\$7 1/2
China-Borneo Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$12	\$12	{ \$120,000 none }	Nil.	\$1 for 1904 .....	...	Tls. 104 sales
China Flour Mill Co., Limited .....	4,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 50,000 Tls. 800 }	Tls. 880	Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 10 for 1905 ..	...	Tls. 48 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$100,000 \$100,000 }	...	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06 .....	...	16 sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. ....	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,250,000 \$1,250,000 }	\$3,193	80 cents for 1907 .....	9 1/2	\$9 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited .....	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	{ \$1,875,000 \$1,875,000 }	\$2,074	\$1.30 for year ending 31.7.07 .....	7 1/2	\$17
Green Island Cement Company, Limited .....	400,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$4,000,000 \$11,000 }	\$10,804	Interim of 50 cents per share for a/c 1907 ..	8 1/2	\$112 sellers
Hall & Holtz, Limited .....	21,000	\$20	\$20	{ \$420,000 \$186,000 }	\$15,002	\$2 1/2 for year ending 28.2.07 .....	10 1/2	\$23 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited .....	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$600,000 none }	\$2,953	1/2 per share for year ending 28.2.07 .....	6 1/2	\$15
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited .....	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$125,000 \$12,500 }	\$4,578	Final of \$15 making in all \$19 for 1907 .....	8 1/2	\$225 ex div.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ....	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$500,000 \$50,000 }	\$4,212	Interim of 80 cents per share for a/c 1907 ..	8 1/2	\$26 sales
Maatschappij tot Rijst, Boek en Landbouw- exploitatie in Langkat, Limited .....	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{ Tls. 147,500 Tls. 27,603 }	Tls. 17,127	{ Final of Tls. 7 1/2 and bonus of Tls. 2 mak- ing in all Tls. 3 1/2 for 1907 .....	8 1/2	Tls. 420 sellers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited .....	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$250,000 none }	\$2,655	1/2 per share for period from 19th Oct. to 30th Apr. '07	8 1/2	\$13
Peak Tramways Company (new) .....	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$500,000 none }	Nil	None .....	...	\$7 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited .....	75,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$750,000 none }	Nil	None .....	...	Tls. 108 sellers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited .....	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 67,323 }	Tls. 7,990	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2 for account 1907 .....	...	Tls. 40 sellers
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd. ....	5,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 27,162 Tls. 8,000 }	Tls. 3,554	Final of Tls. 5 and Tls. 10 for 1906 .....	...	Tls. 45 buyers
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited .....	4,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 450,000 Tls. 24,820 }	Tls. 8,91	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	11 1/2	Tls. 123 1/2 ex d.
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited .....	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 600,000 Tls. 190,000 }	Tls. 85,592	Interim of 15/- for account 1907 (old) ..	...	Tls. 375 sales
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited .....	16,350	£20	£20	{ £327,000 Tls. 45,000 }	Tls. 8,000	Interim of 11/3 for account 1907 (new) ..	...	\$30
South China Morning Post, Limited .....	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$150,000 none }	\$41,934	None .....	...	\$6 sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$5	\$5	{ \$100,000 Tls. 15,295 }	Tls. 201	40 cents for year ending 31.5.07 .....	6 1/2	Tls. 97 sellers
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited .....	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 300,000 Tls. 4,000 }	Tls. 111	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.4.07 .....	5 1/2	\$10 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited .....	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$500,000 none }	...	80 cents on 9,000 ord. shares and \$10.00 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07	6 1/2	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$100,000 \$35,000 }	\$1,360	Interim of 30 cents for account 1907 .....	6 1/2	\$10 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited .....	92,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$920,000 \$25,000 }	\$5,482	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906 .....	...	\$5 1/2 buyers
William Powell, Limited .....	15,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$150,000 none }	...	...	...	...

\* These shares are entitled to half of the profits.

## Mails.

MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES  
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STEAM FOR SAIGON,  
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## THE Steamship

"MARMORA,"  
Captain G. H. C. Weston, R.N.R., carrying  
His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from  
this for MARSEILLE and LONDON, on  
SATURDAY, the 21st March, at Noon, taking  
Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.  
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France  
and London will be forwarded without trans-  
shipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until  
4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents  
and Value of all Packages are required.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
F. J. ABBOTT,  
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1908.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

## THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain W. D. A. Thomas, will be despatched  
for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 10th  
March, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1908.

The S.S. "TONKI,"  
Captain Charbonnel, will be despatched for  
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 17th  
March, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading  
issued for above ports, and for Australia with  
prompt transshipment at Colombo.

Cargo also booked for principal places in  
Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows—  
S.S. POLYNESIAN ..... 31st March.  
S.S. TOURANE ..... 14th April.  
S.S. ARMAND BEHIC ..... 28th April.

For Freight and Passage, apply to  
J. MILLET,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1908.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND  
HAMBURG.

## THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE"  
will be despatched for the above Ports, on or  
about the 31st March.

Doctor and Stewardess carried.  
For Freight and Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1908.

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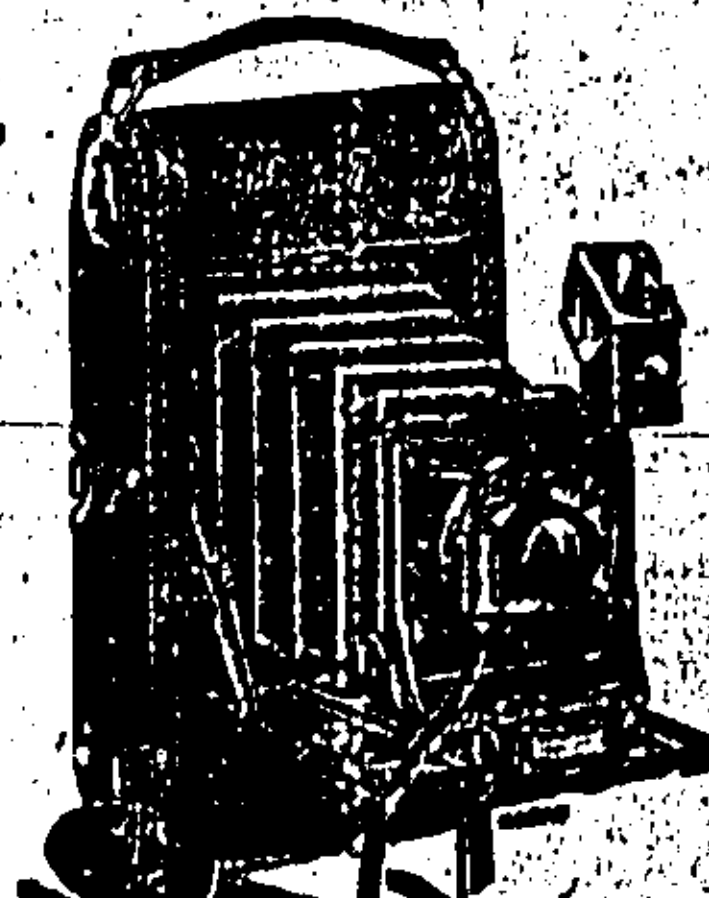
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